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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith references which may be material to the patentability of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose. While the references may be material under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that the references are prior art. The filing of this IDS shall not be construed as a representation that no other material references than those listed exist or that a search has been conducted.

The references are listed in Form PTO/SB/08A, which is in accordance with the requirements of M.P.E.P. 609. A copy of the references is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered by the USPTO in its examination of the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

This IDS is being filed **after** the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.97(b), but **before** the mailing date of any of a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,

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